

**REMARKS**

Claims 17-21, 23-25 and 27-34 are pending.

The Examiner's allowance of claim 22, if written in independent form has been acknowledged with thanks. Features of former claim 22 have been incorporated in independent claim 17. Accordingly, it is believed that independent claim 17 is now in condition for allowance. Further, independent claims 23, 27, 30, 31 and 32 have been similarly amended. Claims 31 and 32 have been amended to clarify that the cost of the service will be based on a measure of use of each paying user. Measures of use are disclosed throughout the application and include time spent using the service as well as messages accessed. These features are further enumerated in newly presented dependent claims 33 and 34.

Amendments to correct clerical informalities have also been made for claims 27, 29, 30 and 32. Claim 26 has been cancelled.

No new matter has been added by these amendments.

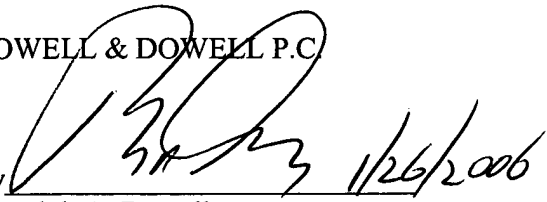
In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the application is in condition for

allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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